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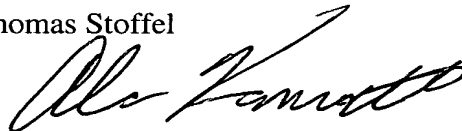
The drawings, specification and claims have been amended in a manner suggested by Examiner Dexter to place this application in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has cited the United States patents listed in NOTICE OF REFERENCES CITED as A-G of the February 22, 2006 Office communication and indicated consideration of the United States patents and publications cited by applicant. By the lack of application of these references and others like them within the classes or subclasses searched, the Examiner apparently recognizes the clear patentability of the present invention over any of these references.

Therefore, since the claims of the present application have been shown to include limitations directed to the features of applicant's zero-clearance table saw insert which are neither shown, described, taught, nor alluded to in any of the references cited by the Examiner and by the applicant, whether those references are taken singly or in any combination, the Examiner is requested to allow claims 1-20, as amended, of the present application and to pass this application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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